



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

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When: 7 p.m., Sept. 21
Where: Oakstone Academy
939 S. State St., Westerville
Speaker: John Roberts,
Topic: Contemporary counterfeit U.S.
coins.

September presentation

For as long as we've used coins in this country, counterfeits have invaded our money supply. We'll take an interactive look at several examples and discuss them. - **John Roberts**

CONA's famous

Patty and Tony Cass wrote a "Guest Commentary" article for Coin World that ran in the Sept. 12 issue of the newspaper.

VOLUNTEER OHIO SHOW ORGANIZERS SHARE THEIR FIRST-TIME EXPERIENCES

BY PATTY AND TONY CASS

The bourse chair for a coin show is loved, hated, abused, appreciated and despised all in the same day. Why would we volunteer to be the bourse chair for the Ohio State Coin Show? Well our good friend, in charge of the show for most of the last 14 years, had major surgery. Patty said, "We need to help with this show or we may not have the show." Tony said, "We probably could do the show; we know the dealers." So, with the assistance of the president of the Central Ohio Numismatic Association, we decided to co-chair the Labor Day show.

EARLY ORGANIZATION OF THE SHOW

We had never been responsible for putting on a Labor Day show of 80+ tables and 1 00+ dealers. Wow! What did we volunteer to do? Where do we start? We volunteered in April and the show is Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2 to 4. Our plan was to just "get through" this year and have the electronic

Scenes from the show

Photos by Bruce S



While surgery sidelined Evan B from the bourse chair post, he was able to set up at the show, aided by Nancy (behind the light).



Hatless green hats staff the registration table.

organization ready to hand off to whoever would do the 2018 show. We were hooked for 2017, too, since it would take two years to get all the details for the show figured out.

Since we are both very organized in our own different ways, we started finding all of information and documentation available from the prior years' shows. We needed a new post office box near us. Our hope was to find electronic files, but during the search, we realized we would have to settle for the available paper trail. That is when Patty said, "We are going to

do this show electronically by computer even when I have to create the files:’

Patty started with the show budget and Tony went through the old files back to 2001 to identify and develop the committee functions for the show. The CONA Executive Board had its biannual meeting and we discussed the logistics of the show. The board decided to have a special show meeting in early June to go over details of the show with us. We were off and running with the show.

FINDING THE DEALERS

The crazy events of April showed that we had to get started with the events that were already behind schedule according to the timetable for prior years’ shows. Our CONA president, Steve Petty, talked to Crowne Plaza hotel in Dublin, Ohio, to make sure our contract was in place.

Patty started with the hard copy dealer lists. Since some of the club members were going to the April Central States Numismatic Society show in Chicago, Patty and Steve prepared the dealer contracts. We would contact the dealers at CSNS. Patty began hunting down the dealers from past show, through the telephone, internet and mailings. The dealers that needed a little “arm twisting” were contacted by club members who knew them. Quite honestly, the dealers were great and very understanding about our situation.

SETTING UP THE COMMITTEES

The “green hats” worn by the club members have always been an identifier of the show and one of reasons the show is successful. The club members work hard to provide the best service to the dealers. These members are the backbone of the show. They run the committees for show setup, dealer registration, hospitality, advertising and all those functions required to put on a show. We had to convince some of the club members that, with some help and guidance from us, they could run a committee.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE SHOW

The dealers need the public to come to the show to buy and or sell numismatic materials. Patty decided the youth program at CSNS is a great one, so we needed to rework our youth program to have an educational Treasure Hunt. One of the governors from CSNS offered his help and we were most grateful. One of our club members agreed to oversee this project. Tony found the club members to run the program

More scenes from the show

Photos by Bruce Smith



John K and Pete M



Green Hat Geoff Gr talks with dealer Marie G.

for exhibits, educational programs, grading seminars and, of course, an auction of coins at the show. All of these events are run by committees of club members, or under contract with experts.

THE MYSTERIOUS “WHAT IF”

“If there’s something that can go wrong, it will” is always in the back of your mind. You have to be ready for a dealer to cancel at the last minute; you have to make sure all of the committees are ready with the functions needed before, during and after the show. Patty is constantly working with club members and dealers to get the show ready. Tony is working with the other areas and just hoping he is not overlapping her functions.

See you at the show!

PATTY AND TONY CASS are the co-chairs of the 2016 Ohio State Coin Show, sponsored by the Central Ohio Numismatic Association